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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously amended) A process for making polymeric particles comprising:
polymerizing ethylenically unsaturated monomers as a dispersed phase suspended in
an aqueous phase,

wherein the ethylenically unsaturated monomers comprise at least one monomer A
and at least one monomer B, wherein monomer A is a water soluble ethylenically unsaturated
monomer containing a carboxylic acid group and monomer B is a water-insoluble
ethylenically unsaturated monomer,

said aqueous phase containing a water-insoluble particulate stabilizer having a size of
less than 100 nm and an effective amount of water-soluble inorganic salt to allow formation
of stable monomer droplets in the aqueous phase, said monomer droplets comprising at least
20% by weight of said carboxylic acid containing monomer A, wherein the water-soluble
inorganic salt present in the aqueous phase is in a concentration of from 10% to 50% by
weight.

2. (previously amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said
carboxylic acid containing monomer A is selected from the group consisting of acrylic
monomers, monoalkyl itaconates, monoalkyl maleates, citraconic acid and styrenecarboxylic
acid monomers.

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3. (previously amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic acid containing monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid and methacrylic acid.

4. (previously amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the water-insoluble-particulate stabilizer comprises colloidal silica.

5.-10. (canceled)

11. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-soluble inorganic salt is aluminum nitrate, aluminum sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, barium nitrate, borax, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, diammonium sulfate, disodium phosphate, magnesium chloride, magnesium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium metaborate, sodium nitrate, sodium sulfate, trisodium phosphate, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, or zinc sulfate.

12. (currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-soluble inorganic salt is sodium chloride or potassium chloride.

13. (canceled)

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14. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said monomer B is styrene, vinyl toluene, methyl methacrylate, ethylene glycol dimethacrylate, ethylene glycol diacrylate, divinylbenzene or ethyl methacrylate.

15. (previously amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said ~~water-insoluble particulate stabilizer~~ is selected from the group consisting of insoluble metal salts, insoluble metal oxides, clays, starches, and ~~sulfonated cross-linked-organic~~ homopolymers.

16. (previously amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is silica or co-poly(styrene 2 hydroxyethyl-methacrylate-methacrylic acid-ethyleneglycol dimethacrylate).

17. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous phase further comprises at least one promoter.

18. (previously amended) The process according to claim 17, wherein said promoter is polydiethanolamine.

19. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid,

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monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid.

20. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous phase further comprises at least one polymerization inhibitor.

21. (previously amended) The process according to claim 20, wherein said polymerization inhibitor is potassium dichromate or cupric sulfate pentahydrate.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein said water-soluble inorganic salt is sodium chloride or potassium chloride; said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid; said monomer B is styrene, vinyl toluene, methyl methacrylate, ethylene glycol dimethacrylate, ethylene glycol diacrylate, divinylbenzene or ethyl methacrylate; and said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is silica or co-poly(styrene-2-hydroxyethyl-methacrylate-methacrylic acid-ethyleneglycol dimethacrylate).

24. (canceled)

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25. (currently amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein

said water-soluble inorganic salt is aluminum nitrate, aluminum sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, barium nitrate, borax, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, diammonium sulfate, disodium phosphate, magnesium chloride, magnesium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium metaborate, sodium nitrate, sodium sulfate, trisodium phosphate, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, or zinc sulfate;

said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, ~~monobutyl~~ monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid; and

said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is a resinous polymer.

26. (previously added) The process according to claim 1, wherein

said water-soluble inorganic salt is aluminum nitrate, aluminum sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, barium nitrate, borax, calcium chloride, calcium nitrate, calcium sulfate, diammonium sulfate, disodium phosphate, magnesium chloride, magnesium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, potassium chloride, sodium acetate, sodium carbonate, sodium chloride, sodium metaborate, sodium nitrate, sodium sulfate, trisodium phosphate, zinc chloride, zinc nitrate, or zinc sulfate;

said monomer A is acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ethacrylic acid, itaconic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, monomethyl itaconate, monoethyl itaconate, monobutyl itaconate, monomethyl maleate, monoethyl maleate, monobutyl maleate, or citraconic acid; and

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said water-insoluble particulate stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of insoluble metal salts, insoluble metal oxides, clays, starches, and sulfonated cross-linked organic homopolymers.

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